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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Application of Currie et al.
For : **TIRE BUILDING DRUM HAVING EXPANDABLE CENTER
SECTION AND INDEPENDENT EXPANDABLE BEAD LOCK
ASSEMBLIES IN THE END SECTIONS**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2003 and having a statutory period for response set to expire in one month or by July 9, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now pending in the application.

The Examiner held that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- a. Invention I, Claims 1-10, drawn to a tire building drum, classified in class 156, subclass 414.
- b. Invention II, Claims 11-12, drawn to a process building a tire, classified in class 156, subclass 123.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Invention I including claims 1-10, drawn to a tire building drum.